

Application No: 10/604469

Sir:

As follows are remarks to the board of Appeals

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-9.

(Cancelled)

10. (Previously Amended) An orotracheal suction system for suctioning

obstructive material from the oropharynx and trachea of a patient, the system comprising:

a catheter having a distal end and a proximal end, a diameter of from about 0.5 Fr to about 15 Fr, and a length sufficient to engage the oropharynx and distal bronchi of the patient at the catheter distal end; a seal at the distal end of the catheter; an extension tubing operable for attachment to the catheter proximal